

# EDITORIALS

## Lesson In Government

Good staging notwithstanding, the Republican convention thus far has the principals giving a convincing account of themselves as intelligent, capable men and women who are dedicated wholeheartedly to the welfare of their fellow countrymen.

Newsmen and others have noted the contrast between the current meeting in San Francisco and that held last week by the Democrats in Chicago. In fairness to the Democrats, however, it must be remembered that they are the outs trying to get in and their strategy necessarily must be different.

Political speakers must depend on the political and other prejudices of their viewers and listeners, for favorable or unfavorable reception. A minority audience comprises those individuals who try to view everything they hear or see objectively. That is a most difficult position for the average individual and that is why we have the vast majority of our citizenry in the camps of the two great political parties.

Generally speaking, we thought the Democratic convention had most of the elements of an interesting and well managed convention. The solid patriotism of many of the men and women who appeared on the speaker's platform were so obvious, in our opinion, that it left no question of their personal integrity. We thought, and our impression has been confirmed by those few who can view everything objectively, that the antics of former President Harry S. Truman did nothing to enhance the proceedings. In fact, coming events may reveal, he may have hurt his party's cause.

Best of all, these great national conventions give millions of Americans an education in the functioning of their government. No man, woman, or child can watch these intimate proceedings of government at work, without having a broadened knowledge and a greater appreciation for this wonderful Republic.

## Newberry's Expands

The downtown business section of Torrance this week celebrates the opening of an extensive addition to the Newberry store. The operators of this great merchandising organization have seen fit to spend a sizeable sum in demonstrating their faith in the future of this community and in so doing have become an inspiration to others.

Company officials are to be congratulated upon their faith and foresight. Manager J. H. Paget must be given special honors, not only because of the effort and enterprise he has shown in his position, but, because he is among the most active retailers in local community life. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the City's Recreation commission. Mr. Paget believes in a better Torrance and does something about it.

This newspaper predicts that the confidence demonstrated by Newberry's will not go unrewarded.

## Votes Count Double

Every time you miss an opportunity to vote for the man or party of your choice, those whom you oppose gain two votes.

That's the cold logic behind the emphasis being placed on appeals for American citizens to register and vote in the forthcoming national elections which will determine which of America's two great parties will be at the head of the government until 1960.

If you don't register, and then vote in November, your choice suffers the loss of two votes. He is deprived of your vote—and his opponent has one less vote to overcome to defeat your choice.

If you happen to be a Republican and fail to vote, it will deprive President Eisenhower of one vote and cut one vote from the margin needed by Adlai Stevenson to gain a victory.

Conversely if you prefer a Democratic administration, your failure to vote in November means that Stevenson is deprived of your vote, and that the Republicans will need one less vote to off-set your choice.

And, you can't vote if you are not registered—you may register any time up to Sept. 13. Deputy registrars live throughout Torrance, and a registrar is in duty at the city hall each day.

## Vacation Blessing

One of the best things about a vacation is the full pay check which accompanies it as a reward for a year's honest work.

Some people, usually because they haven't met employment requirements, switch jobs and use the period off between jobs for vacation purposes—and then they appear at the State Department of Employment seeking Unemployment Insurance funds.

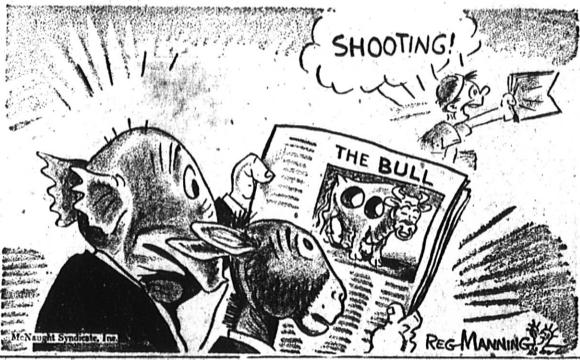
They think they've contributed to the fund so they reason they're eligible to draw from it.

This is not true. No employee has paid anything into unemployment insurance in California since 1946. The employer pays the whole bill, which can be as high as three percent of his total payroll.

The Unemployment Insurance fund, administered by the Department of Employment, is intended as a temporary cash help for people who are unemployed through no fault of their own, and are ready, willing, and able to work.

It is not a tempting public pocket, as it may seem to some in the summertime especially, to be picked at will by people who find it more enjoyable to be unemployed than employed.

## Chicago And San Francisco



## YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 15 and will get right to the point. I've never had a date because I have buck teeth. I know if my teeth were nice my entire life would be different.

We have no money for dentists and besides, I'm afraid it's too late for that now. I'm lonely and unhappy. You seem to have answers for everyone, can you help me? Please try, I'm miserable.

—G.M.

Girls with buck teeth are being asked for dates every day, and many of them get married and have families—which accounts for the children who have buck teeth.

Yours is a personality problem which you're blaming on your teeth. The woman who has repeatedly been voted the most admired in all the world—year after year—has had buck teeth all her life. She married the only man ever to be elected President of the United States four times. Her name is Eleanor Roosevelt.

Dear Ann Landers: In your column recently you knocked ankle bracelets. This hit me where it hurt. Not that I wear an ankle bracelet, it's just that my husband sells them. He's in the jewelry business and this is how we make a living.

It is my opinion that if certain people desire to "look like monkeys who escaped from their owners"—or however it was that you phrased it this is a matter of personal choice. I don't see where

YOU fit into the picture. Rings and necklaces have their proper place and so do ankle bracelets. Let's leave things where they belong.

—JEWELER'S WIFE

You are correct. I was asked for my opinion of ankle bracelets and I gave it . . . (stuck my neck out but good, in the process, too). However, since this is purely a matter of personal taste, and I have long heralded the right of the individual, I agree you have a point. (Twenty lashes with a wet noodle for Landers!)

Dear Ann: Our 17-year-old son is in trouble with a girl 16. I've known this for weeks but have said nothing to him. Should we encourage them to get married? Is it best for them to live in their respective homes till the boy gets out of school?

We are so upset and heartbroken we don't know what to do. We did our best to bring the boy up right but we must have failed somewhere. Please help us to do what is best for all concerned.

—MOM

It's difficult to advise you since I know none of the details. Much depends on the boy and girl. Do they want to get married? Do they want to get married? How do their parents feel? Could your son support a family?

If they want to marry and will accept the responsibility of parents, help them. They are terribly young—but they

are in a jam and there's another life to consider. Good luck.

Dear Ann: I need help with a most peculiar problem. I've watched your column faithfully hoping to see a similar problem but none has appeared.

A close relative has been going with a nice young man since Christmas. He wears glasses with heavy black rimmed frames. They add a lot to his looks. She had never seen him without his glasses until a few weeks ago.

They planned to be married in a few months. But now she says he's a total stranger without glasses, and she gets almost hysterical at the thought of the approaching wedding. He's broken up about this but says he can't wear his glasses 24 hours a day just because she likes them. Is there a solution to this dilemma? If so—what is it?

—S.V.

The girl is afraid of marriage. She's latched on to the glasses as an excuse to keep from going ahead with the plans. Professional help is needed to help her understand what it is she is actually afraid of. Until she gets straightened around she'll make an awful poor wife.

CONFIDENTIALLY: M.R. BURNED UP: Sorry, I can't print your letter.

STEADY READER: Join your husband and live as a family.

EDNA: Try to enroll in college. You'll never be happy until you do. Good luck.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper. Copyright, 1956, Field Enterprises, Inc.)



## LAW IN ACTION

### EXTRADITION

Shorty and Slim held up a store in Illinois, divided the loot, and skipped the country, leaving only their fingerprints.

Illinois sent out an all-points bulletin, and California picked up Shorty as his plane landed and the Surety in France arrested Slim as he tried to register at his Paris hotel.

How do we get the two crooks back to face trial?

1. First, Shorty and Slim must be duly accused. The Illinois governor can then demand that California hand Shorty over. But no state governor can call upon France to hand over Slim. Only the President can under a treaty with France, and only for certain crimes. Nor when they get him back, can the Illinois courts try Slim for any crime but the one he was extradited for.

For one thing, while most nations want to return real crooks, they do not like to return political refugees on one charge so that they can be punished for another.

For our part, we give the accused a reasonable time to

get back before we try to extradite him again for new charges.

2. But within the United States when California hands Shorty over, Illinois may try him not only for the robbery but also for any other crime.

Our U. S. Constitution says that a person charged with treason, a felony or other crime, shall flee from justice, shall upon demand by the governor of the state from which he fled, be delivered up to the state having jurisdiction over the crime.

If Shorty returns to Illinois a California court will inform him of his rights and see whether he was duly accused in Illinois. Sometimes an accused may use a writ of habeas corpus claiming he is unlawfully held to get his story properly before a California court. As a last resort he can try to get the governor, who has wide powers, not to send him back.

In any case, interstate and international pursuit of an accused person is a complex and costly business.

Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

## AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

An Inside Look At The Convention Chicago . . . Some of our readers were among the millions glued to the radio and TV since opening, listening and watching the drama of the Democratic National Convention here. Others followed the proceedings through some 2500 newsmen and columnists from all parts of the nation and the world, including Russia and those reporting to Red China. The speech-

es, roll calls, emotions, parades and hoopla were seen by many of you as fast as we saw it here in person. There is a personal side to these political conventions which is lost in this biggest melting pot of strategy and emotion conceived by man.

A political convention is a professional political rally. It is attended overwhelmingly by political job holders, aspirants, lobbyists, with only a smattering of outsiders motivated by selfish or unselfish reasons. The professionals have full control of the situation at all times, with the machinery oiled and put in order long before. Convention surprises are few and far between.

## The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

A article in the current Reader's Digest adds to the growing recognition of my favorite college professor, Dr. Frank C. Baxter of SC.

The current article, which characterizes the popular SC instructor as a sly, unpredictable, humorist, reminded me of one of my early experiences with him.

As a budding reporter on the University's Daily Trojan, campus newspaper, it was my assignment a few years ago to interview Dr. Baxter on his forthcoming role as the featured lecturer in a "Leadership Forum" series which was presented on campus. "You can say that they have shown outstanding judgment in selecting me to speak on leadership," Dr. Baxter told me. "I am an expert on leadership." "Not," he added, "because I'm an expert leader, but because I have been led by experts for more than 50 years."

I turned in the story just as he gave it to me, and I like to think that somewhere along the growing mountain of press notices and clippings he is saving is that small story that was my first introduction to SC's Dr. Baxter.

In the event you have missed the upswelling ballyhoo, it is about County Fair time again. I was sharply reminded of it Tuesday morning when my old friend Lynn Burnett, who brings the ponies and coaches to town each year, brought the parade past the office and hollered for me through the p.a. system he uses to thump for the fair.

Just so his efforts in this area won't be a complete loss, I'll tell you that the fair, hailed as the largest county fair in the world, will be held in Pomona Sept. 14-30. Fair goers will be able to see everything from horse racing to Louis Armstrong's orchestra, and from oranges to swimming pools. Burnett says it will be the biggest and best ever—and he's not given to boasting about the fair—much.

actually cannot vote for President. This is because the political parties want to have a foot in for the time when these various territories become states.

The Democrat union-labor delegates were very prominent at this Convention. They outnumber their counterpart in the coming Republican Convention in San Francisco something like 104 Democrat union-labor delegates to four Republicans.

The breakdown of the non-government personnel among the 1372 Democrat delegates here shows that 260 are attorneys, 210 professional men in accounting, tax, science, education, medicine, engineering, etc., 104 labor union officials, 74 farmers, 23 bankers, etc. Of course the large number from the ranks of labor is no surprise, but indicates by what degree the labor portion of the Democratic platform was influenced by union-labor officials. It might be interesting by way of comparison to point out that out of 1300 delegates to the Republican Convention in San Francisco about the same number of professional politicians are listed, but in the non-government job category 250 are businessmen, 190 attorneys, 50 farmers, 14 bankers. It is rather unusual that more bankers and farmers were selected as delegates to the Democratic Convention than the Republican Convention.

The parades and demonstrations after the nomination speeches were mostly handled by professional entertainers. Since TV, they include top paid performers, bathing beauties, comics. The moment the nominating speeches are ended by a pre-arranged signal, the "spontaneous" parade and demonstration starts around the hall while other professionals encourage delegates to join the fanfare. The length and intensity of the demonstration usually depends not only on the popularity of the candidate, but on the expert handling and professional preparations of the parade itself beforehand.

## The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

John Doe, sitting at home in his armchair, wearing his most comfortable slippers and smoking his favorite pipe, often reads of accidents and other disasters in his paper.

Who doesn't? The chances are, however, that he will figure that accidents and disasters are something which happens to other people, not him.

If told that an accident could happen to him, he would put on his bluntest expression, and say, "Who, me?" Nevertheless, accidents can happen to anybody. Everybody has to die some time and death sometimes comes sooner than later.

After reading of a terrible car crash in which five or six people were killed because of speed, John Doe may hop in his auto and proceed to speed in his weekly bowling game. He speeds because he's a good driver and accidents are things which happen to other people.

John Doe reads in his paper that doctors urged everyone to have their children inoculated against polio.

"Hmmm," he thinks, "I'd have my kids get those shots, but I forgot to send back my consent slip to school. Besides other people's children get polio. Mine couldn't. They're too healthy."

John may read in his newspaper about the proper precaution to take when a rabid dog bites him. He may glance at it, that is, when it appears. He doesn't read it, because rabid dogs bite other people, not him.

Nevertheless there are several million John Does in Los Angeles County, and they have wives named Jane Doe and lots of little Does. Accidents do happen to some of them, even though they figure that tragedies are things which happen to other people.

Then, when trouble does strike—he it, accident, sickness or dog-bite—they get excited.

When this happens, they become excited and run around telling everyone, "Did you know that —"

The trouble with many people is that most of them are either indifferent or hysterical about such things. Accidents, disease outbreaks, and the like are serious, but they happen every day.

However, it takes drama to stir the public into action. When enough people are killed at a traffic intersection, a light is put up. When enough people die of polio, people start having their children immunized against the dread disease. When enough people are bitten by rabid dogs, a dog log is passed. When enough truckers died on the Ridge Route, it was decided to build escape routes.

Unfortunately, John Doe has to become excited about something before he acts. That's human nature. Hindsight isn't as good as foresight, but it's better than nothing at all.

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